

HOUSE BILL 196

By Gilmore

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13; Title 71, Chapter 2 and Title 71, Chapter 6, Part 1, relative to elder abuse.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-6-117, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() In addition to any other punishment that may be imposed for a violation of this section, if, as determined by the court, the victim was sixty (60) years of age or older, then the court shall impose a fine in an amount between fifty dollars (\$50.00) and two hundred dollars (\$200). The additional fine shall be paid to the clerk of the court imposing sentence, who shall transfer it to the state treasurer, who shall credit the fine to the general fund. All fines so credited to the general fund shall be subject to appropriation by the general assembly for the exclusive purpose of funding services and programs for senior citizens.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to acts occurring on or after that date.